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SUBJ: US FERROUS SCRAP EXPORTS: USG-GOJ CONSULTATIONS

REF: A. STATE 233897; B. STATE 228688

SUMMARY: MITI REQUESTED ASSURANCE THAT 215,000 ST ALLOCATION INDICATED REF B IS NOT INCLUDED IN 1974 FIRST QUARTER QUOTA. GOJ WILL CONTINUE IMPORT CONTROLS AND HAS BECOME CONCERNED ABOUT SHORTAGE OF BUNKER OIL FOR CARGO SHIPS. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY REPORTED INFORMATION IN REFTEL A TO MITI (NAKANO, IRON AND STEEL ADMINISTRATION DIV, AND WATANABE, INTERNATIONAL TRADE POLICY BUREAU). MITI OFFS ASSUME 215,000 ST SPECIAL ALLOCATION INCLUDED 1973 QUOTA REGARDLESS OF SHIPPING DATE BUT WOULD APPRECIATE USG CLARIFICATION.

2. EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT USG SELECTION OF THREE YEAR BASE PERIOD FOR DETERMINING RELATIVE QUOTAS BECAUSE 1971-72 RECESSION IN JAPAN WAS STRONGLY REFLECTED IN STEEL IN-

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DUSTRY'S PERFORMANCE DURING THAT PERIOD. HOWEVER, GOJ

PLEASED AT DECISION TO AWAIT FURTHER WORLD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS BEFORE DETERMINING QUOTAS FOR FINAL THREE-QUARTERS 1974.

3. BUNKER OIL USED BY CARGO SHIPS CURRENTLY IN SHORT SUPPLY. MITI OFFS CONCERNED THAT INSTABILITY IN FUEL SUPPLY MAY CAUSE PROBLEMS IN FULFILLING EARLIER ASSURANCES THAT SHIPMENTS WOULD BE SPREAD OUT EVENLY.

4. GOJ WILL CONTINUE IMPORT CONTROLS ON SCRAP IN ORDER TO ASSURE EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION, PREVENT SPECULATION, AND GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO HONORING PRE-JULY 1, 1973 CONTRACTS. GOU MAY SOON REQUEST USG AND US SHIPPERS TO ASSIST IN IMPLEMENTING A DUAL EXPORT/IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM.  
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